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Sails set as regatta gets late tailwind

THE Leigh Regatta is to go ahead this weekend after an eleventh hour reprieve.

Organisers originally cancelled the event following problems with volunteers coming forward and getting licences for the event.

However, the Lions Club of Leigh on Sea have announced it will go ahead on Sunday, September 14, instead of spanning the whole weekend.

Tony Prior, chairman of the club's fund raising committee said the club had been committed to putting the regatta on.

He said: "Our primary motivation has been to secure this event for Leigh.

"Most club members are local people and the idea of Leigh without regatta seemed inconceivable.

"We agreed that a one day event was the best solution.

"Both Leigh Town Council and Southend Council have bent over backwards to help with revised road closures, car parking and event licenses.

"The Old Town pubs are helping with provision of power, entertainment and with marshalling, and Leigh Sailing Club are continuing with their full race programme.

"We already have a number of bands lined up to perform and all free of charge."

Bands on the day will include Famous Potatoes, Slow Loris, Grand Reunion, Arfur Doo & the Toe Rags and the Hoy Shanty Crew.

Mr Prior added: "And, yes there will be a real ale tent, but we are working very hard to put on a wide range of family friendly entertainment and stalls."



REGATTA: Tony Prior, chair of Lions Club of Leigh who have been helping set up the Regatta
 Photo by Mark Cleveland

CASINO A GOOD BET FOR JOBS

By Paul Giles

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A NEW £6million casino and restaurant in the Park Inn Hotel will open next Thursday creating more than 100 jobs in Southend.

The Ranks Group Plc has invested the money to launch the Grosvenor Casino in the hotel on Southend seafront which is due to open on Thursday, September 18.

It will operate 24 hours, seven days a week and will be located below the hotel.

Jobs at the casino will include everything from management, casino dealers, reception staff, roles in serving food and beverages and administration.

The casino will feature a dedicated 100 seat poker room which can be used for private hire, regular cash games and private poker

tuition.

There will also be a range of gaming facilities including slot machines and electronic games.

Customers will also be able to watch live sports in the sports lounge where they can also put bets on sports events.

Tom Docherty, general manager of Grosvenor Casino Southend said Southend had long been established and associated with entertainment

and innovation.

He said: "It makes it an ideal place for a new casino.

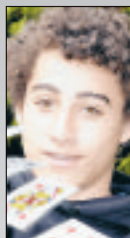
"We're confident that our new casino will attract both new and existing gamers into Southend with its state of the art facilities and will grow further interest in the area as a key tourism destination.

"Through the opening of the casino, not only will we provide the

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Win tickets to Marsh Farm and see Peppa Pig

DURING September Marsh Farm is proudly celebrating it's 30th birthday with some fantastic special guests and the fabadousa Potato Picking Party.

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Plus, visit the farm on September 27 or 28 to see everyone's favourite pig. Peppa Pig is visiting Marsh Farm during intervals throughout both day so pack your camera and get ready for some fun.

That's not all. While at the farm not only can you enjoy plenty of animal interaction, catch a show and play on the bouncy pillows, there's also an exciting new visitor taken residence at Marsh Farm – Shaun the Sheep and his very exciting Championsheeps Live activities will now take place every day from here on. As well as traditional outdoor games, from welly throwing to egg and spoon races, the whole family is encouraged to get involved with 'Get Fit with the Flock' active work-



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Peak admission to Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park, in Marsh Farm Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 5WP, costs £11.50, while non-peak admission is £7.50, under 2s go free. For further information about the farm, which is open from 10am to 5pm daily, call 01245 321552, email info@partyman.co.uk or visit www.marshfarm.co.uk

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Leigh: Sun-Fri (8am-11pm) and Sat (8am-6pm), Derix Healthcare Pharmacy, (opposite side of Leigh Primary Care Centre), 1065 London Rd.

Tides



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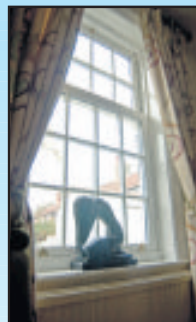
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First new council house for 25 years

CONTRACTORS have started to build Southend Council's first new house since 1989 and more could soon follow.

The home will be a three bedroom, two-storey property with off-street parking.

It is being built on a site behind 159 Bournemouth

Park Road, in Southend.

Essex-based company Kingdom Facilities & Construction won the contract to build the house which has been designed by architects A K Design.

David Norman, councillor for adult social care, health and housing, said the coun-

cil undertook a review of land owned by the authority as part of a commitment to provide affordable housing for residents.

He said: "We very much need to increase the borough's affordable housing stock.

"When this land behind

Bournemouth Park Road was explored, it became clear that there was room to build a house there - Southend's first new council residential property since 1989.

"We hope it will be completed and handed over ready for people to move in

to, by the end of this year."

He added: "We also hope this will be the first of many and are currently investigating building more affordable homes on Council-owned land at Ashanti Close, Bullock Road and Exeter Close in Shoeburyness."

Fancy comparing then and now with paintings from a gallery? There's an art app for that

SOUTHEND Museums Service has launched an internet app where you can download copies of historic paintings of the area and pair them with up to date photographs of the same location.

Visitors have been trying out the app in the Beecroft Gallery since it opened last month in the former Southend Central Library, in Victoria Avenue.

It is now available to download on iTunes and Android and can be used on the move as you visit the places.

Funded by the Arts Council, it gives an insight into what the views look like today compared to when the paintings were finished.

Graham Longley, councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, said the app also had

maps and trails that people can follow.

He said: "Southend and surrounding locations have attracted the attention of renowned artists through the ages.

"It is great for people to be able to take a new look at these pictures and enjoy afresh the places which caught the eyes of past painters.

"There are pictures of the Kursaal, the Pier, the Crowstone and many other local scenes. Those without the relevant mobile technology can still enjoy the benefits of this new app by coming into the newly relocated Beecroft Art gallery, where iPads with the app are available to use."

● To download the app follow the link <http://is.gd/southend>.



IN THE FRAME: A visitor to the Beecroft Gallery tries out the new app

Photo by Mark Cleveland

speedread

THE Homeless Action Resource Partnership (HARP) will be holding its first Cardboard Box Challenge at Southend High School for Boys, in Prittlewell Chase, next month.

The 12-hour sleepout under the stars will be held on Friday, October 10, from 8pm.

HARP works with people who sometimes have no choice but to sleep outdoors.

To help prevent this it offers people with homeless issues the chance to get emergency accommodation, have a hot meal and help rebuild their lives.

A programme of live entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and food will be on sale between 8pm and 11pm.

To register for the event visit www.harpsouthend.org.uk.

A CAR worth £35,000 has been stolen from outside a house in Leigh.

The black Mercedes E350 Sport CDI, was parked in Queens Avenue, and was taken at about 1.30am, on Saturday, August 2.

It is believed a man wearing a hooded coat broke into the property and stole the car keys.

The owner was out at the time and the registration of the vehicle is X6ONE.

Anyone with information about the theft should contact DC Jon Holden at Southend CID on 101.

GUEST speaker Dr Paul Rusiecki will be giving a talk called Remembering the Great War on Saturday, September 20.

In his talk the author will focus on the early history of war memorials and why and how the movement developed.

Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased by visiting www.theforumsouthend.co.uk/events or by calling 01702 212573.

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CYCLE: Councillor Martin Terry and Collette Kemp who cycled to work last Wednesday

Cycle to work day a success

COMMUTERS across Southend took part in the National Cycle to Work Day last Wednesday.

Before the event Southend Council's cycling team, Ideas in Motion urged people to take pictures of themselves cycling and send them into the website of the campaign.

Councillor for public protection, waste and transport Martin Terry, said cycling to work is good for people's health, saves people money and is good for the environment.

Mr Terry said: "Not only that, but it also helps relieve traffic on our busy roads, particularly at peak times, meaning everyone gets where they need to be quicker."

Lifeguards shortlisted for £3,000 public grant



FUNDING: Chalkwell Lifeguards who want members of the public to vote for them

CHALKWELL Lifeguards has been shortlisted for the Lloyds Bank Community Fund 2014.

They are asking members of the public to vote for them so they can have the chance to be awarded a grant of up to £3,000 from the bank to enable it to continue to work in the community.

Chalkwell Lifeguards are a volunteer beach safety, patrol and rescue unit providing seafront patrols and rescue service along the coast of Southend.

With large numbers of people

visiting the beaches between Leigh and Southend over the summer, the volunteers also educate people on the dangers of incoming tides, and the dangers of being caught on the mud flats in the estuary.

Originally set up in 1978 to protect visitors on the mud flats the club has expanded.

The money from the award will go towards the purchase of a new more powerful rescue boat for the club to enable a better response to incidents as well as being able to be used as a

patrol vessel.

Nick Luff, club captain, said the funding would make a huge difference to the club.

He said: "It would enable us to purchase extra equipment making a difference to the lives of hundreds of people in Chalkwell and surrounding areas."

"Please vote for Chalkwell Lifeguards to benefit from the community fund award." You can cast your vote by visiting www.lloydsbank.com/communityfund

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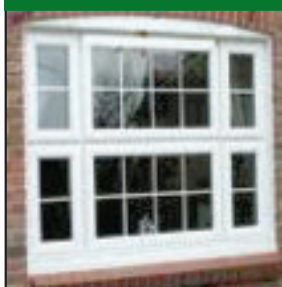
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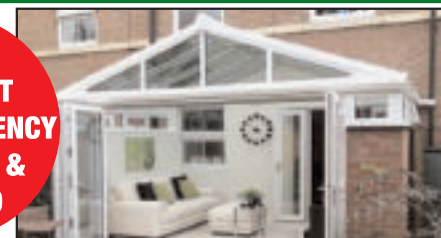
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The real deal

A TEENAGER is hoping to take his street magic on a tour of the country and build a career on it.

Nathaniel Allen, 15, is already a member of The Magic Circle and has won magician of the month several times at the headquarters in London.

Nathaniel who goes to the Eastwood Academy, has also won stars over with his tricks performing for Craig Revel Horwood and Lisa Riley when they were in a panto at the Cliffs Pavilion.

He was also voted as one of the top four secret magicians in ITVs Tricked star Ben Hanlin.

Nathaniel, of Beverly Gardens, Southend said his love for magic came from a friend showing him a trick.

He said: "It was only a simple card trick and I asked him how he done it but he wouldn't say."

"So I went away and learnt some tricks and took them to him and showed him."

"Then he was asking me how I was doing the tricks."

Now Nathaniel who has just started year 11 wants to embark on a tour of the country next summer holiday.

He said: "I have watched David Blane and Dynamo and like their style of magic."

"I have watched shows on stage but prefer the close up style a lot more."

"I really want to make a career out of this so that's why I am doing the tour."

"I love doing magic because it is escapism for people from their normal lives."

MAGIC: Nathaniel Allen wants to take his magic across the country
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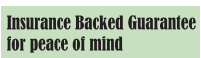
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Scarf and a half

A LEIGH author has been celebrating the launch of her first picture book by creating a 12 and a half foot long scarf.

The brightly coloured scarf will be the focal point of Amanda Brandon's stall at the Southend Children's Book Festival, at The Forum, on Saturday, October 18.

The 44-year-old mother of two said her book called A Scarf and a Half has already received enthusiastic support from members of the Leigh Writers' Group which she joined 18 months ago.

Amanda said: "I am delighted Maverick Art is publishing my picture book which celebrates the special relationship between granny and grandson. "Grandparents can play an important role in creating happy childhood memories and I had a special bond with my grandmother.

"Like the character Granny Mutton in my book she enjoyed knitting and every Christmas my brother and I would receive a pair of handmade gloves."

The book is illustrated by Catalina Echeverri and the pair already have a sequel on the way.

Amanda explained she was happy that The Book Inn, in Leigh, is



SCARF: Amanda Brandon who has written her first picture book

stocking the book as well as on Amazon.

She will also be running a book signing and reading event at West Leigh Baptist Church's centenary children's fun day on Saturday, October 4, between 2pm and 5pm.

Bakeries support Make-A-Wish

A SHOEBOURY based baker will be raising money for Make-A-Wish Foundation by donating money from cakes they sell.

The Garrison Bakery, in the High Street, is supporting the Love Your Baker Week which will see bakeries all round the country raising money for the charity.

Samantha Jameson, who owns the bakery said she was looking forward to raising money over the week that runs from Monday, September 29, until Sunday, October 5.

The 42-year-old who previously worked on a ship as a chef explained she was trying to turn her bakery into more of a French styled establishment.

She said: "We have only been running the bakery for six weeks and my husband is French and obviously has a great interest in food.

"We moved back here from France so we could be back closer to my family.

"When you go to France the whole experience of going to a bakers is totally different to this country."

The bakery will be highlighting the Make-A-Wish Foundation by putting sugar discs with the logo on top of some of their cakes.



SUPPORT: Samantha Jameson is backing the Love Your Baker Week

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Nurse shortlisted for award

A NURSE at Southend Hospital has been shortlisted for an award in the Nursing Times Awards 2014.

Winifred Chinery, a member of the operating theatre team, has been put forward in the category of Nurse Leader of the Year.

She will go up against six other health professionals from up and down the country who have shown best practice in their roles.

Winifred, or Win as she likes to be known, has worked at the hospital for 32 years, 18 of those in her current role.

This is the first time she has been nominated and shortlisted for anything like this.

As well as being highly regarded by her colleagues, Win's hard work is also appreciated by her family as it was her husband who nominated her.

The nurse from Southend, explained her husband, Tony, had come home from a business trip in Holland and surprised her by saying he had put her forward for the nomination.

She said: "I was totally shocked to hear when I'd been shortlisted for the award."

"I think it has taken a while to really sink in."

"I am just an ordinary nurse who is part of a great team who are dedicated to the care of patients."

Tony Chinery, said years ago he had worked in the NHS.

He said: "I know there are thousands of dedicated staff who are committed to looking after patients. Many of these go unrecognised



NOMINATED: Win Chinery is up for a section in the Nursing Times Awards 2014

and unseen by the general public, theatres is one of those places.

"The team within theatres ensure that patients are given the best care possible whilst they are at their most vulnerable."

"Winnie is one of those who makes this happen." Chief nurse,

Sue Hardy said it was fantastic Win's hard work was being recognised.

She said: "There are many unsung heroes here and she certainly embodies all the qualities that makes a good team great. Win or lose on the evening she is

already very much a winner in our eyes."

Win will not know if she has won until she goes to the awards ceremony, which takes place at the Grosvenor House Hotel, in Park Lane, London, at the end of October.

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Rare albino lobster found

VISITORS to the Sea Life Adventure might be pinching themselves when they spot a rare albino lobster there.

The pearly white crustacean has just arrived at the attraction in Southend after being caught off of the Dorset coast.

The lobster will now be used for educational purposes at the aquarium.

Aquarist Amelie Brackin explained because of the rarity of the male albino lobster it would demonstrate to visitors the rich diversity and uniqueness of the creatures that live in the sea.

She said: "As an educational

example, we'll feature him in our talks about albinism and the effect it can have on a species.

"Many people assume that lobsters are red as they only see them served on a plate.

"They're intrigued when they see their true colour is actually dark blue but are even more fascinated to see a completely white one.

"Although they are extremely rare, compared to normal lobsters albinos are not impossible to find, albeit your chances are approximately a million to one.

"Scientifically speaking, there may be some environ-

mental factor that has increased albinism in lobsters, or a certain habitat condition that has allowed them to survive longer on the west coast." Albinism is caused by a lack of melanin, which means there is a lack of colour pigment.

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Visitors to the event were able to go on board the ships and enjoy a host of entertainment.

The dramatic finale of the event saw the ships leaving Greenwich and heading down the Thames past Tilbury and Southend on their homeward journeys.

Before the festival the ships had raced from Falmouth to the Isle of Wight and then cruised onto London.

It had been the first time in 25 years London has hosted the tall ships event.

The last time it was hosted in London was back in 1989.

Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Denise Hyland said the last five days in

Greenwich had been fantastic.

She said: "It's been a real pleasure to welcome so many people into the borough and we know this festival will leave us with a lasting legacy."

"This won't be the last time we see tall ships in Royal Greenwich and I look forward to welcoming these glorious vessels back at some point in the future."



Tall ship Dar Młodzieży which passed Southend on its way to Greenwich

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Chas and Dave return to Cliffs

By Liz Wade

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THIS weekend Chas Hodges will be heading back to Southend with his band mate, Dave Peacock, and it looks set to be a family affair.

Chas – one half of Chas and Dave – admits the seaside town is one of his and his family's favourite places and they will all be heading to the Essex coast this weekend when the duo appear at the Cliffs Pavilion on Sunday, September 14.

The appearance is part of their 'On The Road' tour, which kicked off in in Dartford, Kent, on Saturday, September 6, after a busy summer at various music festivals.

Chas said: "The show's first half is Chas and Dave from the 70s, with songs from when we first started, while the second half is Chas and Dave from the 80's", he says.

It also includes songs from their new album, 'That's What Happens', which was released at the tail-end of last year by Warner Bros.

The album, their first new studio release in 27 years, was recorded in Studio 2, Abbey Road, otherwise known as 'The Beatles Room', but it isn't the first time Chas and Dave have recorded there.

Chas said: "Before The Beatles we did sessions there. We went in there for a week and



TOUR: Chas and Dave

invited some friends, good musicians including Albert Lee (from Chas' late 60s outfit Head, Hands & Feet), Jools Holland and Hugh Laurie."

The album saw Chas and Dave not only return to the UK album charts but also return to their roots with a collection of early R&B, skiffle and rock n' roll classics alongside new takes on songs of their own.

Saying his talents come from his mum, who was a "great piano player", Chas adds his other influences include Lonnie Donegan and Jerry Lee Lewis.

He added: "It was Lonnie Donegan who inspired me to play an instrument so I learnt lead guitar first". After this it was while on tour as a bass player with Jerry Lewis that he learnt so much about the piano, "just by watching him".

So why has their music stood

the test of time exactly? Chas says: "We pride ourselves on being good musicians that can entertain. Our music has never been of a trend. They just know they can get good honest entertainment from Chas and Dave."

As well as their music, touring is a passion of Chas' as he likes nothing better than being on the road.

He said: "I always like being on tour. We'll do three or four days in a row before getting a couple of days out. It makes me feel fitter being on the road."

One destination he is particularly looking forward to visiting during the tour is Southend this weekend, which he describes as "one of my favourite places".

Chas says they first performed at The Cliffs in around 1980 and have been back almost every year every since.

"We've had some great times there. It's one of my favourite places, and the family's," says Chas.

"All the family will be coming down and the grandkids."

The On The Road tour, which will be at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, on Sunday, September 14, ends at Ipswich's Corn Exchange on November 30, before the boys join legendary rockers and Status Quo on their arena tour in December.

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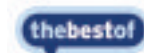
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Last week, the YA revealed how an ambulance service budget freeze had resulted in delays to response times. But the Government's response was to take away more funding. Reporter Charles Thomson investigates.

Ambulance targets woe

IN 2010, if your child fell over and snapped their leg, East of England Ambulance Service would have reached you in under 10 minutes. By July 2014, the average wait was almost 25 minutes.

Similarly, in 2010 an OAP who spilled a boiling kettle and suffered scalding would have been seen within 20 minutes. By July 2014, they would have been waiting almost 45 minutes.

These shocking figures were revealed by the Yellow Advertiser last week. Perhaps most shocking was news that the service was breaching response targets for 'immediately life-threatening' incidents

every month. Guidance says at least 75 per cent of those incidents – dubbed 'R2 calls' – should be responded to within eight minutes. In May 2010, the average was around six minutes. By March 2014, the average response time was 8m06s. In May, it was 8m16s and by July it was 8m34s.

Professor Lord Robert Winston expressed concern when he visited Basildon last week.

He said: "Eight minutes might not seem that much longer than six minutes, but you try sitting with somebody who's fitting, or bleeding, or hardly breathing, or in severe

pain. It's a very long time. A minute seems like an hour – and it's the difference between life and death."

Asked why response times were consistently growing, the ambulance service said it had neither enough staff, nor ambulances. Demand for the service increased by roughly six per cent every year since 2010 – more than 25 per cent in the last four years. In the same period, its budget increased by 0.6 per cent – in real terms, a significant cut.

The cut has had serious repercussions. In April the YA reported more than a quarter of ambulance workers had taken

time off due to stress, suffering palpitations, flashbacks, nightmares and depression. Union chiefs said the service was stretched to 'breaking point' and insufficient funding would lead to 'dramatic' consequences.

Despite this, complaints about the service dropped by more than 30 per cent in the last financial year – while most ambulance services saw a rise. Compliments were up 16 per cent on the last year.

Tory MP Stephen Metcalfe said the figures showed that despite difficult working conditions, paramedics had impressed the public. He said:

"I think it's a testament to the dedication and commitment of the staff and management of the service. The management team seem to have got to grips and delivered real improvements."

But in the same week it was revealed patient satisfaction was increasing, it was also announced the service was facing hefty fines for slow response times.

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which fund the ambulance service said they were collectively withholding £300,000. If response times do not improve by the end of the year, the figure will rise to

£1.5million, placing greater pressure on the struggling service. The money will be reinvested into services but not necessarily into the ambulance service.

Lord Winston said it was mad to fine a struggling service with problems that were a result of under-funding.

He said: "The word, of course, is lunacy – and it's dangerous lunacy. They are doing great damage to the service."

Stephen Metcalfe MP said he was glad the service would be given a chance to improve before all of the money was taken, but also questioned whether fines were sensible.

He said: "If it involves financial penalties, it just exacerbates the problem. I get that argument. It's not helpful to take more money away when demand for the service is increasing."

Wendy Tankard, chief contracts officer at Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG, the lead group for the ambulance service, defended the penalty. She said: "It is our job, on behalf of the patients, to make sure that contracts are monitored rigorously and that we enforce nationally mandated contractual levers, as set out by the Department of Health."

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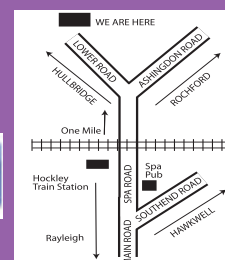
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The majority of UK residents, outside Scotland, are depending upon the Scottish socialists and labour supporters to avoid turning Scotland into Salmondland, SNP.

To do so would result in forty plus Labour seats in Parliament being lost and risking the return of a Conservative government hell-bent upon inflicting even more misery upon our people by destroying the NHS and even further worsening the lives of the sick and the poor.

Alex Salmond is far from being a fool and he rightly knew that the best time to hold such a referendum would be after a dose of self-serving Conservatism causing suffering to many hard working Scots.

Ignoring the mealy-mouthed mutterings of the Tories, who can well see the benefits of a Yes vote, it is Labour politicians who are making the journey north. We can discount all the hypocritical Tory talk of a UNITED Kingdom.

**Les Harrington,
Benfleet**

No such thing as peace

PEACE? There hasn't been any! Since World War Two's end there have been well over two hundred wars in which three times the aggregate total of civil and second world war dead, have died.

Still.....who's counting?

A few thousand here, a few thousand there, it all adds up. But who cares?

Now we seem to be celebrating (not commemorating) the anniversary of the finish of the second world war but gearing up for a third.

Man's appetite for death and destruction seems directly linked to his desire for invention and exploration, his need for risk and adventure, a wish for oblivion. If he's not careful, it will be a wish that one day is very finally granted.

**Paul Divine
Westcliff**

We must never forget

I DO not know whether I was annoyed or saddened by Mr. Nicholson's letter, dated July 18.

To feel that, we, as a nation should forget the sacrifice of people in the First and Second World Wars. How can we ever forget what all those people went through, even if you had

to enlist and fight for your country and freedom. Perhaps Mr. Nicholson does not realise what freedom he has or even cares about it, he just thinks it's been there all the while.

I for one am glad I am in a free country without some of the restrictions that some people have to endure.

So get out of the grouchy old mood and breathe in the air that you are allowed to enjoy, or go live in a gulag. All generations should learn what freedom truly means and we therefore reserve the right to thank them for their sacrifice.

**D. Stevens
Benfleet**

Don't glorify the arms industry

FOR the next four years the First World War will be used to promote militarism.

I believe that to glorify conflict and justify military spending is a deplorable legacy and betrayal of those who died.

By the time of the First World War arms companies had already developed the characteristics that they have been criticised for ever since: corruption, creating war scares and selling to both sides of conflict.

Co-operation amongst companies across national boundaries is not new. In 1901 Vickers gave a licence to German firm Krupp to make maxim guns, while in 1902 Krupp licenced

Vickers to make their fuses. Vickers incorporated with Armstrong (now BAE Systems); both built a super dreadnought for the Ottoman Empire in 1911-1912.

In 1913 the companies signed lucrative deals with the Turkish government to maintain two naval bases. No foreign workers, unless they were British, were allowed to be employed there. British workmen and technicians were thus unwittingly responsible for the slaughter of British troops and our allies at the Dardanelles, Anzac Cove and Cape Hells.

In the 1920's public questioning of what war had achieved and opposition to the arms trade treachery was growing. By the time the Peace Ballet, organised by the League of Nations Union, took place in 1934, arms trade profiteering was considered to have been one of the causes of the war and 10 million out of the 11.25 million people polled voted to prohibit the private manufacture of arms.

Arms companies exist to sell weapons, irrespective of national boundaries, and selling to both sides in conflict has not abated since the First World War.

The conflicts in Libya 2011, Arms from company, MBDA were used by Gadaffi's forces,

the rebels and the UK and French military. Arms companies do not act in the national interest.

Remembering people that opposed and later questioned the First World War and all wars since is as important as remembering those that died. People that teach the wrong lessons from wars from misguided or misleading propaganda can be excused but those that gain from the slaughter of wars are to be condemned as the inhumane traitors that they are.

**Bob Chapman
Canvey Island**

Take part in memory walk

I AM writing on behalf of Alzheimer's Society to invite readers to take part in Memory Walk – our charity's biggest fundraising event.

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**Megan Bailey
Community Fundraiser
Alzheimer's Society**

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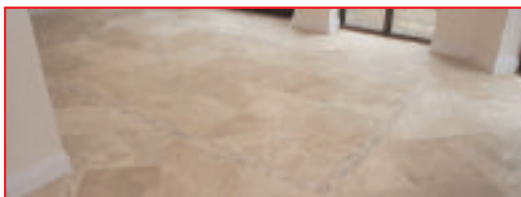
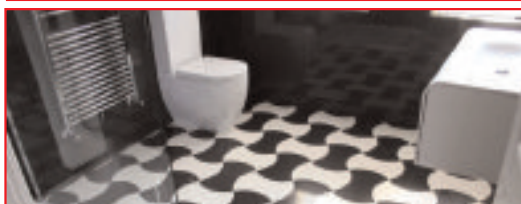


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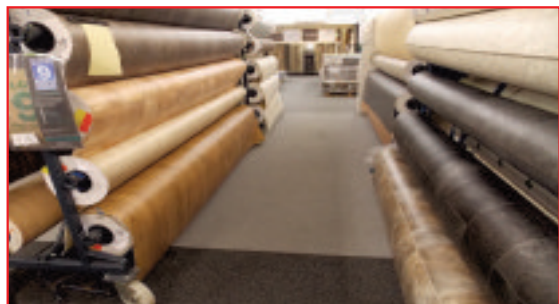
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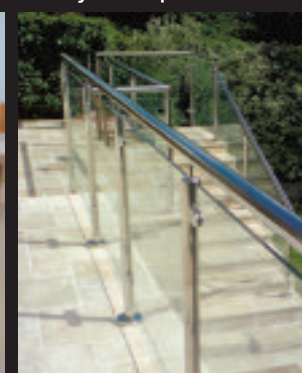
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A NIGHT OF ANITA

by LIZ WADE

AN incredible seven-piece jazz show band and one of Britain's most beloved and legendary performers will be providing the entertainment at Brookside Theatre this weekend.

Following last year's sell-out concert, The New Foxtrot Serenaders will be making a welcome return to the Romford theatre on Saturday, September 13.

This incredible seven-piece dance/jazz show band that has been entertaining audiences across the South East for the past 15 years with

outstanding critical acclaim. They have performed in many of the greatest venues including the Royal Albert Hall and on the Queen Mary 2 alongside the likes of Jamie Cullum, Acker Bilk, Madeline Bell and Stacey Kent.

'We'll Meet Again' is a fantastic evening of live music direct from the home front as a celebration of the music of the war years, featuring the songs and music of Glenn Miller, Vera Lynn, Flanagan and Allen, Al Bowlly, George Formby and many more.

Brookside Theatre is also proud to present an intimate audience with one of Britain's most beloved and legendary performers, Anita Harris, on Sunday, September 14.

Anita Harris has had a breathtaking career spanning more than 50 years

after being spotted in a London ice rink at the age of just 15 and quickly whisked away to Las Vegas to appear three times a night in a top revue.

Returning to the UK she went on to work with The Cliff Adams Singers, appear in two 'Carry On' films, grace the pop charts, become a pantomime legend as 'Peter Pan', star in 'Cats' in the West End for two years and feature in seven Royal Command Performances.

Anita has never stopped performing and has worked alongside such legendary names in the world of entertainment as Harry Secombe, Phil Silvers, Morecambe and Wise, Tommy Cooper, Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Clive Dunn.

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ABOVE: Anita Harris
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Cinema



Paddy Considine (Dai) and Bill Nighy (Cliff) in *Pride*
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Miner skirmish

PRIDE (15, 120 mins)

THEATRE director Matthew Warchus, who succeeds Kevin Spacey as artistic director of the Old Vic in London next year, will need to de-clutter his awards-laden mantelpiece.

His second feature film is a barn-storming culture-clash comedy drama based on the inspirational true story of a group of gays and lesbians, who supported the miners during the 1984 strike and raised thousands of pounds for beleaguered communities, which dared to stand up to the Thatcher government.

This uplifting story of solidarity in the face of adversity and police intimidation is an absolute joy; an unabashed, irresistible crowd-pleaser in the magnificent mould of *The Full Monty* and *Billy Elliot* that rouses the audience to bellowing laughter while choking back a deluge of hot, salty tears.

Pride embraces and subverts stereotypes, deftly weaving together stories of personal triumph and anguish as the spectre of Aids casts a long shadow over the gay community.

Mark Ashton (Ben Schnetzer) is

the charismatic and outspoken leader of young, impassioned campaigners, who operate out of the Gay's The Word bookshop in London run by Gethin (Andrew Scott).

Reading news stories about the miner's strike, Mark recognises a cause to champion.

"Mining communities are being bullied just like we are," he tells his coterie comprising Mike (Joseph Gilgun), Jonathan (Dominic West), Jeff (Freddie Fox), Steph (Faye Marsay) and closeted new boy, Joe (George MacKay).

They form LGSM - Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners - and rattle tins for a randomly selected Welsh community.

Mining representative Dai (Paddy Considine) invites Mark and co to the Dulais Valley where committee members Hefina (Imelda Staunton), Cliff (Bill Nighy) and Sian (Jessica Gunning) embrace the fund-raisers with open arms.

However, some of the locals are repulsed.

"We're being backed up by perverts," sneers homophobic mother Maureen (Lisa Palfrey), kindling conflict between some of the neighbours and the LGSM.

Pride is a life-affirming ode to tolerance, acceptance and self-belief that defiantly lives up to its title, waving a flag for stellar home-grown filmmaking.

Performances are exemplary, ignoring a few wobbles with the Welsh accents, including a fiery turn from Schnetzer as a fresh-faced trailblazer and sobs aplenty from Mackay as the catering student, who cannot conceal his sexuality forever.

Scriptwriter Stephen Beresford strikes a perfect balance between hilarity and heartbreak, sharing polished one-liners among the ensemble cast including Menna Trussler as a clucky old dear, who labours under the illusion that all lesbians are vegetarians.

Warchus' film builds to a rousing crescendo that delivers a knock-out emotional wallop and opens the floodgates.

As Frankie Goes To Hollywood professed during that turbulent summer of 1984: "When two tribes go to war/A point is all you can score."

The characters in *Pride* score their points with unbridled passion and wit.

**Released: September 12
RATING: 9/10**

Stage

...and that's magic with Paul and Debbie

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'An Audience with Anita Harris' is a wonderful cocktail of song, glitz, chat and humour, with musical accompaniment from her trio.

Anita also reveals wonderful anecdotes from her life in show business, the people she has met and performed with and the places she has been, while performing the songs that have made her into one of the country's best loved stars including *Memory*, *Just Loving You*, *All That Jazz* and *Route 66*.

● Two of the UK's favourite entertainers - Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee - are taking to the road again this autumn with another fantastic evening of their favourite magic tricks and brand new illusions never performed in public before. Paul and Debbie just haven't

stopped since they burst onto our screens on the BBC in 1979. The Paul Daniels Magic Show topped the ratings and he undoubtedly became the most successful TV magician of the 20th century and is now unarguably a true magical legend.

Their last two nationwide tours, *Hair Today Gone Tomorrow* and *From Legend to Leg End*, garnered critical acclaim and sold out in many venues across the country, proving that indeed people still like it - a lot!

In May this year, Paul was awarded the prestigious Golden Grolla award, one of the most ancient Italian film awards which expanded beyond the film industry to include other art forms. The Masters of Magic Congress awarded it this year to Paul for his outstanding services to magic. Paul said he was "so

proud to receive this award".

This autumn's tour - *Back Despite Popular Demand* - will include an appearance at The Broadway Theatre, Barking, on Friday, October 3, and it promises to be an evening full of comedy and amazement.

● For further information and tickets for The New Foxtrot Serenaders, on Saturday, September 13, and An Audience with Anita Harris on Sunday, September 14, both of which will be at Brookside Theatre, in Eastern Road, Romford, visit www.brooksidetheatre.com or call the Box Office on 01708 755775.

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Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



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Much of the collection can only be seen by appointment but there are still more than 226,000 items on display in this magnificent building in South Kensington.

The museum, established in 1852 to make works of art available to all and to inspire British designers and manufacturers, houses collections spanning more than 2,000 years of human creativity, in a wide range of mediums from paintings, sculptures and architecture, to theatre, photography and fashion.

With 145 galleries covering seven miles, which contain items from across Europe, the Middle East, India, China, Japan and many other parts of the world, it is easy to see how the museum's buildings take up a 12 acre site that measures a third of a mile in circumference.

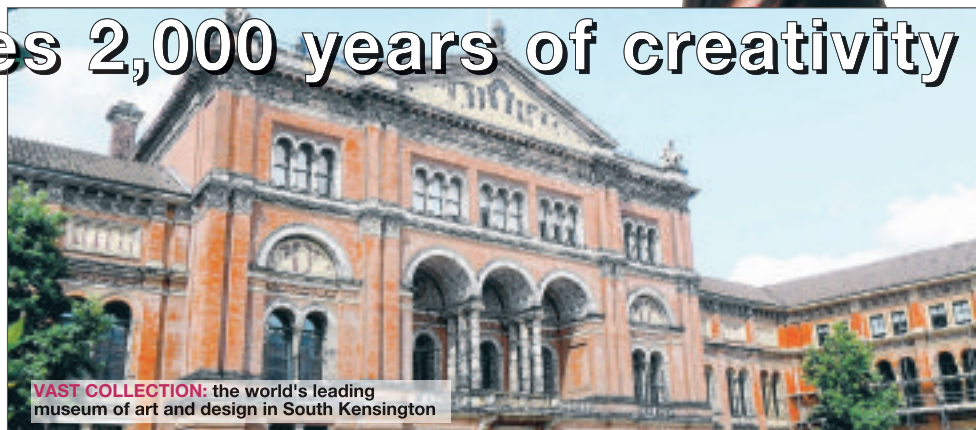
The V&A gained its current name in 1899, when Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of a new wing and renamed the museum in memory of her husband, Prince Albert, and such was the

importance of its collections that during the blitz of the Second World War most of its items were sent to either a quarry in Wiltshire, to Montacute House in Somerset or to a tunnel near Aldwych tube station. Larger items remained at the museum, sand-bagged and bricked in but, remarkably, the building survived with only minor bomb damage.

The collection also survived an earlier threat, made in 1913 by militant suffragettes to vandalise collections in public museums and galleries. While at first the museum considered banning women visitors, it instead decided to protect the collections by increasing visitor numbers.

The tallest object in the museum's collection is the plaster cast of Trajan's Column, reproduced from the marble original in Rome, which would be too high at 35.6 metres tall, so is displayed in two separate towers, while one of the smallest objects is a Tudor pin measuring just 3cm long.

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the act of devouring a European man in the costume of the 1790s – inside which is concealed a mechanical pipe-organ that makes the tiger roar.

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Alongside its permanent displays the museum – which has been undergoing a £150 million renovation programme including the introduction of newer galleries, gardens, shops and visitor facilities

– also hosts temporary exhibitions. Current exhibitions include a display of wedding dresses dating from 1775 to present times, which brings together couture and designer made wedding garments from key fashion designers including Charles James, Vivienne Westwood and Vera Wang, and Disobedient Objects showcasing collective creativity that defies standard definitions of art and design.

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Saturday, September 13

- Open Day and Fayre, at St Andrew's Church and Hall, Church Road Ashingdon. 10am-5pm, various stalls, poppy trail, proceeds to Friends of Essex Churches.
- Naughty but Nice coffee morning, cream cakes, gateaux and other goodies, 10.30am-12.30pm, Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, various stalls.
- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, September 14

- Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.
- The Rocket Blues Band featuring Gary Plumley on saxophone at Chinnery's 21-22 Marine Parade, Southend Seafront, 8-11pm, £5 on the door, one night only, 01702 333663.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, sited by Waterside Sport Centre, Somnes Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9PA. Running every Sunday until October 12. Open 10.30am-4pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos. Adults and children £1 each ride, weather permitting.
- The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, September 15

- Jazztet with Ian Thompson saxophone/Dave Mascall guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- Wickford Horticultural Society, Autumn Show, at the Christ Church, Ladygate, Wickford. 2pm, flowers, vegetables, homecraft, handicraft, photography, presentation, raffle, refreshments.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Tai Chi: 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk? Open to all Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we'll get back to you.
- Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over 50's session. Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and Table Tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 includes refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs, (term time only), 10am-12pm. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, carers no charge.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Club 60, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/cons, 4 mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

- Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
- Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over 50s, every Monday 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Ghylgrove Centre, Butneys, every Monday 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
- Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, every Monday and Thursday 8am-2pm.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors open 7.30pm, admission £3, all profits to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local Hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, further details 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, further details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Mondays 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, September 15

- Alzheimer's Society, cafe for people with dementia, family, carers and professionals. Shoebury Baptist Church, Thorpedene Gardens, SS3 9JD, 01702 345156.
- Table Tennis, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
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■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.

■ Social Dance, 1.45pm at St Cecelia's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, Balroom, Sequence, Latin, Friendly Group, all welcome 01702 618771.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecelia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northwick Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockley Social Centre (at rear of library) every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. All ages. 01702 205910.

■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecelia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus,

South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7.9-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, September 17

■ Belvedere Jazz and Music Club, The Chichester, Rawreth, Wickford, Sue Rivers + Ted Beaumont Trio, 8-10.30pm, £10 on door. 07850 607075.

■ Talk: "Tax, Care and Toy Boys" by Kevin Palmer from Collective Legal Solutions, Avenue Baptist Church, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 7JX, 1.45-3.45pm.

■ The Walking Partnership, Canewdon Village, meet outside church entrance at 10am, 5 miles, Doug, 01702 548025.

■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, meet every Wednesday, 1.30-3pm. Interesting speakers, social afternoons, some outings and a Christmas meals out, are a few of the things they do. New

members welcome, at Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65's. Meet every Wednesday at Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Check out our website www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages 5-18, (term time only). The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Donations £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet, Afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Hayway for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390 for details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.20-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Over 50's session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Wednesday, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.

■ Over 50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price 3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, small friendly club, Wednesdays 7.30pm, further details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Playgroup, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wed and Thurs. 01702 712150.

Thursday, September 18

■ Ladies' Good Companion Club, 3rd Thursday of each month Belle Vue Baptist Church Hall, off Southchurch Road, 2-4pm, Various speakers, Yvonne, 01702 461055.

■ Carol's Jazz Crew at The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 01702 483900. 3rd Thursday of the month, 8-10.30pm Entry £5.

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Facelift give Shampnan a whole new lease of life

A NEW lease of life has been given to an Indian restaurant in Rochford, thanks to new management and a total refurbishment.

Shampnan Indian Restaurant, at 75 West Street, was taken over by new owners earlier this year and reopened its doors following a complete transformation.

Diners are not only delighted with its new décor, but are also enjoying a fantastic new menu which boasts a range of different dishes.

What's more, the family-run business looks set to delight diners for years to come thanks to the expertise of its owners who also own and run Mim Spice in Great Wakering.

Its extensive menu includes a vast selection of appetisers including everything from special satay and shami kebab, to lightly spiced crab served in puri, and shimla moris – lightly spiced vegetables stuffed in green pepper and grilled in a clay oven.

Diners are spoilt for choice with Shampnan's selection of main courses including a traditional selection such of korma, curry, jalfrezi, masala and satkora dishes, as well as range of tandoori, biryani and balti dishes.

This is all on top of an vast range of chefs specialities for you to try such as chunky bits of roshni chicken, cooked with garlic and fresh coriander, hash karahi – pieces of spring duck cooked with tomatoes, onions and peppers in a medium sauce – and chicken or lamb kubsurat, a Nepali dish cooked with coconut cream, fresh cream, and almond powder, with coconut milk on top.

There's also an added bonus on Sunday when, alongside its a-la-carte menu, Shampnan also



serves a buffet from noon to 11.30pm, which costs just £7.50 for adults and £3.95 for children under the age of 10.

The restaurant also boasts a full takeaway service including free local home delivery on orders of more than £10, or a 10 per cent discount on collection orders.

With so much to offer, Shampnan Indian Restaurant is the perfect place for a range of occasions from office and birthday parties to charity night events. An outside catering serve is

also available, ideal for a range of events and special occasions.

Shampnan is open seven days a week, including bank holidays, from noon to 2.30pm, and 5.30pm to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and from noon to 11.30pm on Sunday. The restaurant, which offers parking nearby, is also open on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

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All roads lead to the junction

A RANGE of mouth-watering temptations are served at Westcliff's Spaghetti Junction.

This popular restaurant, at 767 London Road, offers some of the finest Italian and continental dishes in town.

As well as its excellent pizzas and pastas and its varied Continental cuisine including paella, chicken piccante, loin of pork calvados and fillet steak with king prawns in a garlic & white wine sauce, Spaghetti Junction also offers an extensive menu including a wide choice of fish and meat dishes and there is plenty to choose from for those who prefer a vegetarian option.

In addition there's a Chef's Special menu and board to view and a children's menu offering a variety of dishes for just £4.95, from Monday to Saturday.

If you have room for more then its dessert menu is to die for! The restaurant has built up a reputation for its mega-choice of excellent, monster-size delicious ice creams plus of course other desserts such as pancakes, waffles, chocolate fudge gateau etc. This menu has now been extended to include Café Gourmand, a popular French favourite offering a variety of delicious mini desserts together with a cup of black, white or espresso coffee.

There are also many new exciting ice creams to choose from such as the mouth-watering Tuck Shop Treasures and Fluff-a-Gum, both evoking memories of bubble gum flavours enjoyed in childhood, Sunkissed Surprise, Mallow Magic and Hazeltuff, and for those who want something a little more exotic, 'Ruby Royale', a delicious dish of vanilla and cherry ice cream, black cherries, raspberry sauce, cherry brandy liqueur and cream, plus many more fantastic offerings.

Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy the new pizza and pasta menu, now giving a



wider choice of starters and pasta or pizza for £9.95, the Special New Duo Menu with main course and dessert for £9.95 and a Three Course Set Menu for the fantastic price of £15.95. On Saturday evenings there is also a Special Three Course set menu for £22.50. The extensive A La Carte menu is of course available every evening from Monday to Saturday.

The restaurant has also introduced Gluten Free options and many of the dishes (marked gf) on the various menus can be prepared and made with ingredients, which to the knowledge of the restaurant do not contain gluten, including the pastas.

Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

There is also a Take Away menu available for

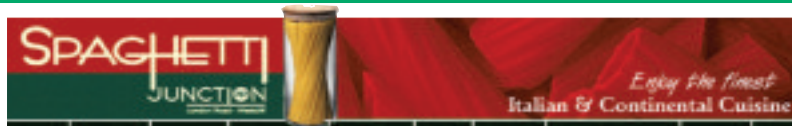
those who want to enjoy the restaurant's delicious food (including gluten free options) in the comfort of their own home.

Spaghetti Junction is now taking bookings for this year's Festive Season including Christmas Day Lunch (3 courses for £30.95, Children £14.95) and Boxing Day Lunch (3 courses for £22.50, Children £10.95). Anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is open from Monday to Saturday evenings from 6pm till late.

For further information call Spaghetti Junction on 01702 473388 or visit www.spaghettijunctionrestaurant.co.uk where full details of all the menus can be found.

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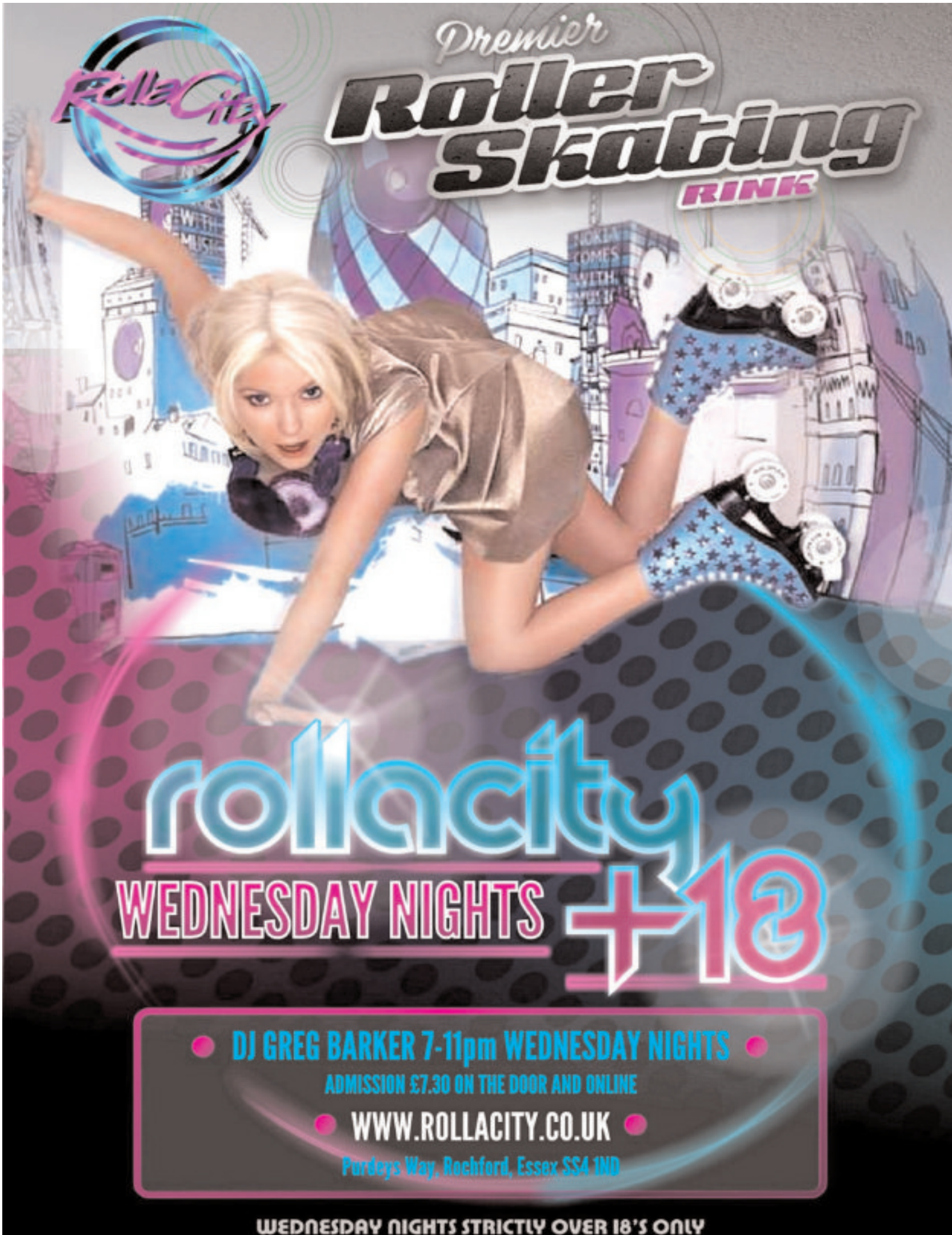
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Purpose Built Flat	Lounge/Kitchen
Ground Floor	Own Private Garden
Two Double Bedrooms	Town Centre Location
Ensuite to main	Immaculate Throughout
Bathroom/Wc	Parking Permits Available

Westcliff On Sea £285,000

Being situated within a central location of Westcliff is this four bedroom end of terrace family house offering large ground floor living accommodation. The property benefits from modern fitted kitchen along with gas central heating and double glazing. Good size rear garden and off street parking.

Westcliff On Sea £299,950

Unique and individually designed contemporary three bedroom detached property situated a short distance from Westcliff station and Hamlet Court Road with a sunny South facing aspect and off street parking. NHBC 10 year guarantee. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, light and airy open plan living / kitchen, utility and cloakroom to the ground floor with three bedrooms and modern bathroom to the first floor. The property also benefits from being energy conscious with radiator heating, double glazing along with back up of solar panels to the South facing roof.

Westcliff On Sea £249,000

Situated within a landmark character building is this attractive fully self contained ground floor apartment with extensive Estuary views and has the advantage of large South facing sun balcony. Allcoat House was extensively renovated in 2006 to an extremely high specification. The apartment also benefits from large garage and attractive communal garden. The apartment offers early vacant possession and keys held for viewing.

Westcliff On Sea £110,000

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Westcliff On Sea £94,500

First floor flat situated within a central location of Westcliff. The property benefits from full double glazing and gas central heating as well as own half of rear garden, which is approached via a side access. EPC rating D

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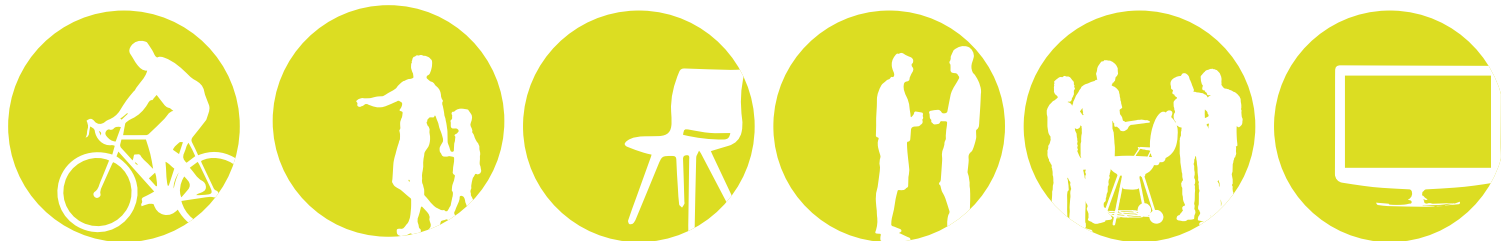
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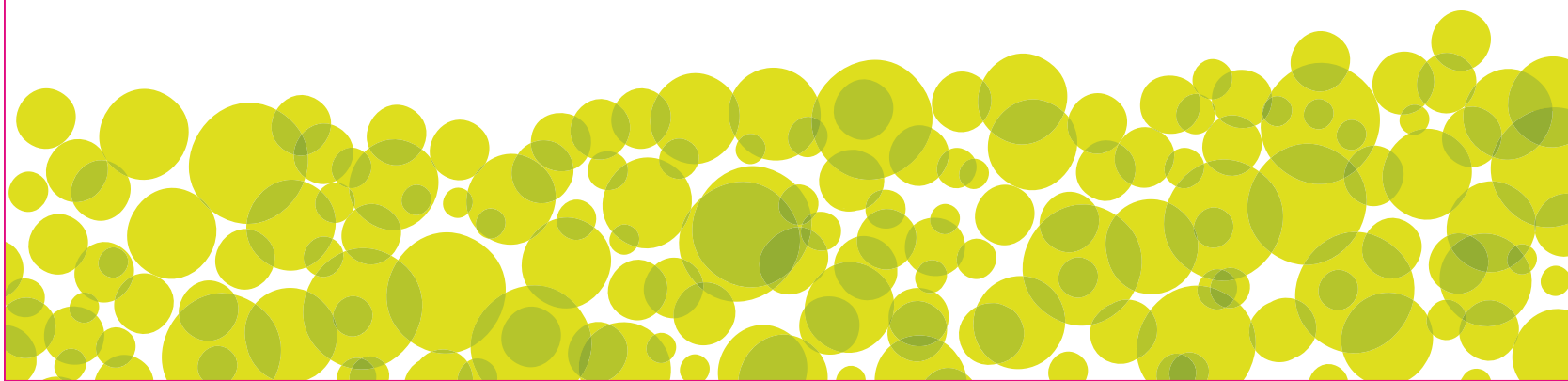


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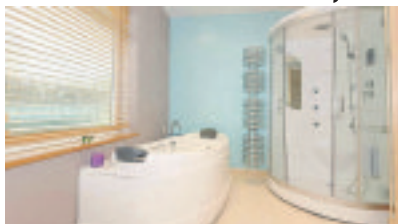
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This detached bungalow offers three bedrooms, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room and separate W.C. The property benefits from an independent drive leading to a single garage. Approximate 50ft rear garden. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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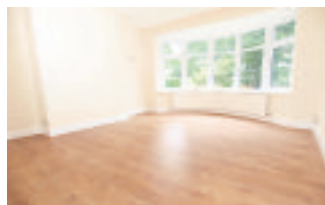


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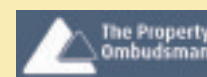
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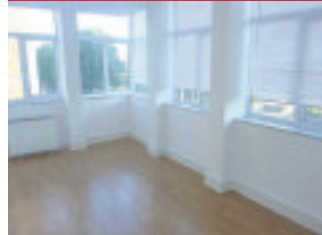


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Southchurch Park



Southend-On-Sea £276,995

- Southchurch Park
- Four Bedrooms
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- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed

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Shoeburyness £174,995-179,995

- No Chain
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- Modern Kitchen
- Kitchen Breakfast Room
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Think Property Answer

Since 28 February 1997, all tenancies in England and Wales are automatically assured shorthold tenancies under section 19A of the Housing Act 1996 - unless the landlord specifically grants an assured tenancy in writing, which is a rare occurrence today.

The AST will have a statutory minimum of six months security of tenure - whether the tenancy was granted verbally or in writing - because an order for possession cannot take effect earlier than six months after the beginning of the tenancy under section 21(5) of the Housing Act 1988.

There is nothing to prevent you from granting a short-term three-month tenancy to a tenant. If the tenant agrees to leave when the three-month fixed term ends, there is no problem.

However, you will have a problem if the tenant refuses to leave by mutual surrender at the end of the three months. You would then have to gain possession through the court in order to evict the tenant and that would initially require service of a notice seeking possession under section 21 (1) (b) of the Housing Act 1988 within the fixed term, or a section 21 (4) notice if the fixed period has expired.

You could then apply for a possession order as soon as the notice has expired, but the date for possession could be no earlier than six months after the start date of the tenancy. For example, if the tenancy commenced 1 January, 2013, the earliest date that a court could order possession would be 30 June, 2013.

You would not be able to install a new tenant into the accommodation until you have lawfully gained possession and evicted the previous tenant.



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Q. I want to sell my house, but I understand there could be a problem, because of some alterations made some years ago, without getting the proper consents. What should I do?

A. That rather depends on what you had done - in other words, whether it was the sort of work which only required building regs approval, or whether you should also have applied for planning permission. If the latter, then yes, you could have a major problem - not least since the purchaser's surveyor will almost certainly raise the issue. Planning rules generally exist for a reason, and people flout or ignore them at their peril. Minor infringements may be overlooked, but at the other end of the scale it is not unknown for entire homes to be demolished if they were built without proper planning consent - not that I want to worry you!

In the case of building regs, things are rather more straightforward, inasmuch as you can always apply for retrospective approval. However, there are a couple of catches. Firstly, your local authority will probably want to charge you fees several times higher than usual. Secondly, the alterations must conform to current building regs - not the ones in force when the work was actually done - and since these regs are constantly being updated, this could be a bit of a headache!

All things considered, you are probably much better off taking out special insurance cover to indemnify a purchaser against any future problems over the lack of building regs approval. The likelihood of this happening is admittedly fairly slim - in practice, most councils won't take action if the work is more than a year old, although they are perfectly within their rights to do so. Nevertheless, your purchaser (or rather, your purchaser's solicitor) will probably insist upon you taking out this insurance, which your own solicitor can arrange.

The good news is that, since the risk factor is fairly low, the cost of such cover is pretty reasonable, and normally involves just a single payment. One thing worth remembering, however: cover will probably be refused if you have already approached your local authority over the issue, since they will then have been alerted to a breach of the regs, which might make a claim more likely - and we all know how insurance companies hate claims.

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Sandringham Road, Southchurch £250,950

Character three bedroom end of terrace house. Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Bathroom/w.c with white suite. Gas central heating (not tested). Part sealed unit double glazing. 80' west backing garden. Potential vehicular access/off-road parking subject to planning. Popular location. Close to all amenities. **EPC: G**



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Shoeburyness £119,950

Two bedroom purpose built second floor apartment. Spacious lounge 15'8" x 9'6". Modern fitted kitchen 7'4" x 7'4". Main bedroom 15' x 10'. Bedroom two 10' x 8'4". Half tiled bathroom/w.c with modern three piece suite, sealed unit double glazed. Economy 7 electric heating, security entry phone. Own allocated private car parking space. Close to bus routes and ASDA shopping centre. Annual service charge/outgoings inclusive of ground rent £500 per annum (figure subject to confirmation by current owners solicitor). Long lease. Ideal first purchase. **EPC: C**



Ulster Avenue, Shoebury £315,000

Well presented three bedroom semi-detached house set back just off the seafont and beaches of Thorpe Bay. Spacious lounge/diner with feature fireplace and French style doors. Separate utility/breakfast room with double doors to garden. Office/additional reception room 17' x 9'. Gas fired heating via radiators. Double glazed throughout. Parking for several vehicles. Established rear garden approximately 90'. Popular residential location. **EPC: E**



Wescliff-on-Sea £389,995

Unique opportunity to purchase this double fronted four bedroom detached family house. Close proximity of Chalkwell Park. Central entrance hallway. Lounge 16'7" x 13'3" max. Dining room 15'7" x 11'6". Breakfast/morning room 13'8" x 10'3". Fully fitted kitchen 10'6" x 8'8". Separate utility room with w.c. Bathroom. Separate w.c. Gas central heating. Lawned west backing rear garden. Garage. Well maintained. Many character features. Immediate viewing advised. **EPC: F**



Clifftown Conservation Area £114,995

Deceptively spacious first floor one bedroom retirement flat located in the heart of Southend's Conservation Area, and being within a few minutes walking distance of Southend High Street, railway station and Clifftop gardens. Lounge 14'6" x 11'6" with dual aspect Georgian style sash windows. Modern fitted kitchen 6'6" x 6'. Double bedroom 13' x 11'. Bathroom/w.c with independent electric shower unit. Security entry phone system. Immaculate condition throughout. Early internal viewing advised. **EPC: E**



Shoeburyness £117,500

Well maintained one bedroom first floor flat. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Well kept communal gardens. Allocated parking space. Bedroom 13'7" maximum x 11'. Shower room. Kitchen 10' x 8'. Lounge 13'6" x 12'6" max. Ideal first purchase. Close to all local amenities. Very good decorative order. Lease with over 150 years unexpired. **EPC: D**



Leigh-on-Sea £163,000

A modern two bedroom purpose built ground floor flat situated on a pleasant development approximately one and a half miles from Leigh-on-Sea railway station. Communal gardens. Allocated parking space. Security entry phone system. Master bedroom with en-suite shower room. Bathroom/w.c. Lounge/kitchen 19' x 11'6" minimum. Panelled internal doors. Excellent decorative order. Ideal first purchase. **EPC: B**

LETTINGS



CAMBRIDGE ROAD - £550 pcm

Self-contained lower ground ONE double bedroom flat in the heart of the Cliff Town conservation area close to Cliff Gardens and Town Centre. Own Entrance Door. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Bedroom with wardrobes: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



SOUTHCHURCH ROAD - £500 pcm

ONE double bedroom first floor flat close to the Town Centre and Southend Victoria Railway station with Lounge: Modern fitted Kitchen with oven & hob: Economy 7 Heating: Communal Garden: Allocated Parking Space: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC F**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



ALEXANDRA ROAD - £625 pcm

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KILWORTH AVENUE - £695 pcm

Ground floor flat close to Town Centre and both mainline railway stations. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: / Breakfast room with built-in oven & hob: One double. One single bedroom: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Carpets: Private Garden: Available end September: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



CLIFTON TERRACE - £895 pcm

Large TWO double bedroom second floor apartment with PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS located close to Town Centre, Cliff Gardens and both mainline railway stations. Large Lounge with feature fireplace and bay window: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Communal gardens: Permit Parking: Available Now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



VICTORIA ROAD - £695 pcm

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MILTON STREET - £550 pcm

Located close to Victoria mainline railway station and Town Centre is this ground floor ONE double bedroom flat with TWO reception rooms. Modern fitted Kitchen, Majority Double Glazed: Parking Space to rear: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC G**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



ALEXANDRA STREET - £1,100 pcm

Large NEWLY REFURBISHED TWO/THREE bedroom maisonette with OWN ENTRANCE DOOR close to all local amenities with Large Lounge: Newly fitted Kitchen: / Breakfast room with appliances: Study/bedroom 3: Luxury Bathroom with Shower: Double Glazed: Central Heating: New Flooring: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



ALTON GARDENS - £850 pcm

THREE bedroom family house close to Southend Airport and easy links to A127 and Rochford: Lounge/Diner: Fitted Kitchen: Modern Bathroom: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Garden: Parking: (Garage NOT included) Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: No Sharers: **EPC TBC**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



ELDERTON ROAD - £1,250 pcm

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DEVEREUX ROAD - £750 pcm

Top floor flat in the Cliff Town Conservation area close to the Town Centre, Railway Station and Cliff Gardens. Lounge with French Doors to full width Balcony and Estuary Views: Modern fitted Kitchen: One double, One single bedroom: Central Heating: Permit Parking available: Available now: Furnished or Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC E**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult

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THUNDERSLEY £269,995

Extended detached bungalow offering two bedrooms, lounge 21'7" second reception room with French doors to approx 75ft rear garden, white bathroom suite and kitchen with fitted appliances. The property also has double glazing, gas heating (n/t) and own drive to a detached garage.



THUNDERSLEY £249,995

Detached bungalow in need of modernisation offering two bedrooms (originally 3), 24'9" lounge/diner, bathroom and separate wc, kitchen, utility area, & own drive to detached garage. The property occupies a corner plot and is located within easy reach of Rayleigh Weir shopping facilities & bus routes.



THUNDERSLEY

First floor flat situated within close proximity of the amenities at Thundersley village. The property offers two bedrooms, 15'2" lounge, modern fitted kitchen with appliances, bathroom, shower over bath, double glazed, GARAGE and gas heating (n/t). No onward chain.



THUNDERSLEY

Semi detached chalet with TWIN GARAGES situated within easy reach of Thundersley Village Common. The property offers 3 bedrooms, 24'3" lounge/diner, 17'4" conservatory, shower room, double glazing, gas heating (n/t) and a mature rear garden.



THUNDERSLEY

In need of modernisation this semi detached chalet offers 3 bedrooms, lounge, separate bathroom, first floor bathroom/wc, ground floor cloakroom, double glazing, garden and garage. The property is located within easy reach of Thundersley Village and Common.



THUNDERSLEY

A family home occupying a corner plot in a cul-de-sac position within easy reach of the facilities at Thundersley village and local schools. The property offers three good size bedrooms, 18'9" lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen, & ground floor cloakroom. Short term let only.

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Drivetime

Frontal assault from new Vito

By Stewart Smith

LAST year Mercedes-Benz Vans celebrated its best year in the UK with 30,257 vehicles registered – a 21 per cent increase on 2012 and also beating 2007's previous record.

One of its biggest sellers is the Vito mid-size load-shifter, the latest version of which has just been revealed.

From skilled crafts and trades to retail, service providers, shuttle services and taxis the new Vito is a versatile piece of kit.

With up to 1,369kg cargo capacity, it has the highest payload in its class and the Vito Crew featuring a crewcab combines the advantages of a panel van with those of a crewbus or courtesy vehicle.

There are two versions available: the Vito Tourer Pro and the premium Vito Tourer Select. The Tourer can be tailored to accommodate all types of passenger transport.

For the first time the Vito is being offered with front-wheel drive. Mercedes says that when empty or carrying only a light load, front-wheel drive offers better traction and reduces fuel consumption.



It is fitted with a compact four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1.6 litres and which is available in two power ratings, the Vito 109 CDI with 88bhp and the

Vito 111 CDI with 114bhp. For shifting heavy loads or towing a trailer, more power is needed so Mercedes is continuing with the rear-wheel drive Vito which

comes with a 2.15-litre engine and a choice of three power levels the 114 CDI, 136bhp, 116 CDI, 163bhp and Vito 119 BlueTEC at 190bhp.

Six-speed manual transmissions come as standard on the lower powered engines. The 7G-TRONIC PLUS automatic transmission with torque converter is optional for the Vito 114 CDI and Vito 116 CDI and standard equipment on the Vito 119 BlueTEC.

Whatever engine the new Vito has long service intervals of up to 25,000 miles or two years, and all models have had their fuel consumption reduced from the previous Vito range.

The suspension has also been improved with less taught springs and more sensitive shock absorbers.

All versions are 140mm longer than the preceding Vito, mainly because of the extended front end to help protect pedestrians.

The maximum vehicle height is 1,910mm depending on the model.

As a result the Vito is below the two-metre mark and can fit into standard multi-storey/underground car parks and automatic car washes.

The news Vito range will go on sale in March next year. UK prices have yet to be announced.



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"We'd like to invite all those interested in a new September 64-plate model to join in the excitement at our dealership during the event period and discover the Vauxhall vehicle that best suits their needs."

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SHOT: Jack Payne scores Blues' goal

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OXFORD TEST TAXES BLUES

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Brian Jeeves and Rowland Lyons reporting from Roots Hall Stadium
SOUTHEND United's winless run frustratingly stretched to five games as lowly Oxford United fought back to earn a share of the spoils in front of a disgruntled Roots Hall crowd.

After witnessing a positive start to the campaign, there have been a few restless rumblings amongst the Blues faithful of late following a run which has seen Phil Brown's men pick up just one point from three outings coupled with a frustrating exit from the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Meanwhile, Oxford United had endured a wretched start to the season, with only a draw against Dagenham & Redbridge to show from five outings, thus finding themselves in the relegation zone, above only Accrington Stanley by virtue of a superior goal difference.

Blues fans spirits were lifted by the inclusion of Jack Payne, the tenacious midfielder had grabbed a brace during the midweek cup tie at Wimbledon and it was he who was first to threaten, drawing an unorthodox save from U's keeper George Long, in a half that Southend went on to dominate.

Soon after Long was in action again, this time comfortably fielding Ryan Leonard's attempt, while Will Atkinson shot was deflected over after good work from Payne and Shaquille Coulthirst.

Oxford were struggling to make any real headway as Blues continued to ask questions. Myles Weston's curling effort flew past an upright, then

Coulthirst should have done better, heading straight at Long after skipper John White had picked him out.

Soon after the home crowd were incensed after Payne appeared to be bundled over in the box by Johnny Mullins. However, referee Andy Davies was adamant that no foul had been committed.

This seemed to disturb Southend who wobbled. Both Alex Jakubiak and Junior Brown fired into Daniel Bentley's gloves, then sloppy defending almost let in Will Hoskins, but the Oxford striker was wayward after capitalising on a mix-up between Bentley and Adam Thompson.

Oxford had found a foothold. Mullins' header was rebuffed by Bentley, but if the visitors thought the tide was turning, they were soon in for a rude awakening.

White and Weston fashioned an opportunity for Payne, and in turn the Blues starlet fired low past Long for his third goal in a week. Roots Hall came to life with Blues sensing their chance to kill the game. Weston was choked by some desperate defending after surging from deep, while Connor Clifford fired over as Southend finished the half strongly.

But whatever was in the half time cuppa disagreed with the Blues. Passes started going astray. Substitute David Hunt caused uncertainty amongst the Blues rear-guard with a teasing centre, then Bentley produced two excellent reaction saves in within seconds to deny Danny Hylton.

Oxford were now bossing proceedings. Hoskins stuck over after spinning on the edge of the box, while the home fans anguish grew after manager Brown somewhat sur-

prisingly withdrew the lively Payne in favour of David Worrall.

Chances for Southend were now sporadic, Weston could only find the side netting after Coulthirst's effort rebounded into his path.

But the writing was on the wall when Luke Prosser was controversially adjudged to have tripped Hylton and this time ref Davies had no hesitation in pointing to the spot, much to the anger of the Southend players and fans.

Hylton took the kick himself, sending Bentley the wrong way to restore parity and spark delight amongst the raucous contingent who had made the trip from Oxford.

Blues looked for an immediate response. Clifford shot over after Weston and Worrall had done the donkey work, while Worrall fired agonisingly across the face of goal after Ben Coker had picked him out.

The teams continued to toil, but even with a mammoth eight minutes stoppage time, neither team could produce a decisive goal. The whistle drew a chorus of booing from the home crowd who were perplexed as to how their charges could produce such contrasting performances in each half.

After the game Blue boss Phil Brown said: "I think it was a great point - to tell you the truth. At the end of the second-half Oxford were way the better team. They were getting on to things more than we did.

"We had a game plan and we got to half-time one-nil up - and then for some unknown reason Oxford came out with nothing else to lose, chasing the game. We stopped playing and they came to the party."

Brown was unhappy at Oxford's

penalty: "Jack Payne goes down in the first-half with what appears to be a soft penalty - and they do the same in the second-half. Their lad has admitted that he has just gone down and he puts the ball in the back of the net.

"We didn't perform in the second-half - but the bottom line is we got a point out of the game."

Blues Stopper Adam Thompson added: "First-half we played really well and could have put the game to bed. But, it's a cliché as it was a game of two halves and they came out and played well.

"There was a question whether it was a penalty. I thought their player dived and he has apologised to Luke Prosser.

"At the moment I don't think things are going for us - but if we keep going we will get results."

Oxford gaffer Michael Appleton admitted: "I gave the players a few home truths at half-time. The second-half was as good as I have seen since I have been at the club - better than when we played West Brom and Bristol City. The players got their just rewards in the end, but I feel we're a little hard done by in not winning the game."

Southend United will look for a return to winning ways when they entertain Portsmouth at Roots Hall on Saturday - kick-off 3pm.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White, Adam Thompson, Luke Prosser, Ben Coker, Myles Weston, Will Atkinson, Connor Clifford, Ryan Leonard (Kevan Hurst 74), Jack Payne (David Worrall 61), Shaquille Coulthirst (Barry Corr 69).

Oxford United: George Long, Joe Riley (David Hunt 32), Johnny Mullins, Jake Wright, Tom Newey, Joe Ruffels, Junior Brown (Calum O'Dowda 41), Will Hoskins (Alfie Potter 78), Alex Jakubiak, Danny Hylton.

Referee: Andy Davies
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Non-league round-up

Braintree rock Rovers

by Brian Jeeves

IT was a good weekend for the regions Vanarama Conference clubs with Premier Division Braintree Town leading the way. A goal in each half from Kenny Davis, from the penalty spot, and Dan Sparkes, earned the Iron a notable 2-0 victory over former Football League outfit Bristol Rovers.

And there were good results for out Conference South teams. Christian Smith's goal just before the interval gave Chelmsford City a much needed 1-0 win at Bromley while Jordan Chiedozie was on target for Concord Rangers as the Beach Boys grabbed a share of the spoils at Sutton United.

There was a mixed bag of results in the Ryman Premier Division. A second half strike from John Sands gave Canvey Island a 1-0 win over VCD Athletic at the Prospects Stadium. Billericay Town produced a Roy of the Rovers comeback to clinch the points at Witham Town. The Blues trailed 2-0 with less than quarter of an hour to play, but a brace from Ricky Sappleton and a Richard Halle penalty earned them an amazing 3-2 victory.

Grays Athletic won 4-1 at Harrow Borough and there were good wins for East Thurrock United, 1-0 at Bognor Regis Town while AFC Hornchurch's frustrating form continued as goals from Lewis Taylor and Jason Prior earned Margate a 2-0 victory at Bridge Avenue.

In the Ryman North, Brentwood Town were our big winners, hammering hapless Wroxham by five goals to one. A second half double from Jack West earned Tilbury a 2-2 draw at Romford, but there was little else to cheer for our local teams. Burnham Ramblers were thrashed 7-0 at Dereham Town, while Thurrock went down 2-0 at Cheshunt and Redbridge by the odd goal in three at Chatham Town.

Maldon & Tiptree went down 1-0 at home to AFC Sudbury and Great Wakering Rovers season of struggle continued. The Rovers slumped to the bottom of the table after a 2-0 loss to Cray Wanderers at Burroughs Park. Adrian Stone and Daniel Stubbs were on target for the visitors, but better news for the village outfit was a biggest crowd of the season as 227 fans took advantage of free admission in support of Non-league day and the Kick it Out campaign.

In the first qualifying round of the FA Vase Bowers & Pitsea kept their Wembley dreams alive with an impressive 4-2 win over Codicote, but neighbours Basildon United went down by a single goal at home to Haverhill Borough. Barking also crashed out, losing 2-1 against Stanway Rovers.

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